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Latest on COVID-19 Relief



Dear Friends,

Close to five months have passed since the House passed the Heroes Act to provide desperately needed aid to save lives and protect our economy. Since then, the bill has sat on Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's desk collecting dust. The House has repeatedly sought to reach an agreement on COVID-19 relief because as the days pass, the toll of the pandemic grows.

Last week, in an effort to get timely help out to the American people, the House [passed a revised \\$2.2 trillion Heroes Act](#). This updated version reflects discussions with Republicans and aims to meet the urgent needs of families, workers, and businesses. In addition, the updated package contains new provisions that reflect changing conditions I've heard about from Rhode Islanders. The updated bill includes specific funds to help restaurants and performance spaces that have been shuttered for months, and it restarts successful small business grant programs that expired in August.

Join the Conversation:



Save The Date

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS OPEN

The 2021–22 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school is now available and due June 30, 2021

Did You Know...?

MILITARY ACADEMY NOMINATIONS

Rep. Langevin's office is accepting applications for nominations to the United States Service Academies. Submissions must be received by October 31, 2020. >>

FAST FACT

October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month. The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency offers a variety of resources to reduce risks and protect yourself online. >>

In Other News

The package includes another round of stimulus payments of up to \$1,200 per taxpayer and \$500 per dependent, reinstates the enhanced weekly unemployment benefit through January, backstops struggling state and local governments with \$436 billion to help them pay public health workers and first responders, and sets aside \$225 billion for K-12 schools and colleges and universities, as well as \$57 billion to improve access to child care and \$75 billion for COVID-19 testing.

Rhode Islanders need help. Unfortunately, Senate Republicans have neither passed their own proposal nor accepted the fair and reasonable compromise that passed the House last week. They need to come to the negotiating table and help pass bipartisan legislation that will keep Americans afloat and help us turn the corner on the pandemic.

To keep up with the latest on COVID-19 relief, and for updates on other issues, please visit [my website](#) and follow me on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and [Instagram](#).

Sincerely,

Jim Langevin



Moving Transportation Forward

Robust federal infrastructure investments help revitalize the economy and improve quality of life. As states continue to face steep fiscal challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we must keep transportation projects moving forward to support good-paying jobs for local workers and build the foundation for Rhode Island's future. [I introduced the Highways Coronavirus Relief Act](#) to provide the federal resources states need to keep critical construction activities going as we continue to press for broader aid for states.



Innovating for a Clean Economy

The impacts of climate change are clearly visible in Rhode Island and in communities across the country, and we cannot delay taking decisive action to preserve our planet for future generations. As Energy Task Force Chair for the House Sustainable Energy and Environment

HONORING RBG

Rep. Langevin joined Rhode Island leaders in paying tribute to the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. >>

GIVING THE PEOPLE A SAY

Rep. Langevin emphasized that the American people should have a voice in the selection of the next Supreme Court Justice. >>

AVOIDING A SHUTDOWN

Rep. Langevin supported legislation to avert a federal government shutdown and fund programs critical to Rhode Island. >>

NATIONAL SECURITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Rep. Langevin underscored that the Department of Defense must acknowledge the severity of climate change and the impact it has on national security. >>

HELPING THE AIRLINE INDUSTRY

Rep. Langevin talked with *WPRI* about the importance of T.F. Green Airport for RI and his support for COVID aid to the airline industry during this record downturn in travel. >>

AUDITOR CALLS FOR CYBERSECURITY REFORM

Rep. Langevin's bipartisan legislation to establish a National Cyber Director received strong support from the Government Accountability Office. >>

BOLSTERING DIGITAL IDENTITY

Coalition, I was proud to support the [Clean Economy Jobs and Innovation Act](#) to expand investments in renewable energy sources, promote the transition to electric vehicles, modernize and protect the power grid, support clean energy jobs, and reduce harmful emissions.

Rep. Langevin introduced legislation to build out the nation's digital identity infrastructure to make it easier and more secure to carry out online transactions. >>

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